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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INCREASING EFFICIENCY OF DATA STORAGE  
IN A FILE SYSTEM**

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Enclosed are also:

- 18 Pages of Specification including an Abstract  
 6 Pages of Claims ( Claims 1 - 22 )  
 4 Sheet(s) of formal drawings  
 A Declaration and Power of Attorney  
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